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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/644,852	Applicant(s) HIGUCHI, TSUTOMU	
	Examiner Jasmine J Clark	Art Unit 2815	

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 10 and 15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 11-14 and 16-21 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 10 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Okid (JP p2000-183224 A) in view of Okoshi et al. (US 5,665,473).

Okid shows a structure of a semiconductor device, comprising a substrate 101 A; and a wiring substrate including a film substrate, and a signal wiring layer (see Fig. 1 and see abstract) having a connection pad portion which is joined to a bump 108A, the film substrate whose another surface is adhered onto the substrate 101A; wherein stress applied to the bumps is relaxed by providing a recess portion in a portion of the substrate, which corresponds to the connection pad portion. However, Okid fails to teach that the substrate 101A is a metal plate. Okoshi et al teach including a metal plate 4, whereas a wiring substrate is adhered onto the metal plate. Hence, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made for Okid to employ the metal plate to obtain a package with good heat dissipation.

Allowable Subject Matter

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2. Claims 11-14, and 16-21 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applied reference fails to teach, eg, including a non-forming portion in a portion of the ground plane, which corresponds to the connection pad portion, and wherein the recess portion of the metal plate is formed as a hollow.

3. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: please see the above discussion in paragraph 2.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

References Cited

4. Fulcher (US 6,008,534), Sullivan et al. (US 5,391,914), McCormick (US 5,638,596), Sato et al. (US 6,201,298 B1), Shin et al. (US 6,717,248 B2), Hirashima et al. (US 6,335,566 B1), Kinayman et al. (US 2003/0151133 A1), and Kledzik et al. (US 2003/0165051 A1) teach relating to a device comprising a wiring substrate including a signal layer.

Telephone Inquiry Contacts

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jasmine J Clark whose telephone number is (571) 272-1726. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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